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Prayer Precedes Inaugural Address

Washington, D. C. —(RNS) — President Dwight D. Eisenhower prefaced his inaugural address with a prayer which he wrote himself the morning of the inauguration ceremonies.

He led a throng of 50,000 people in saying the prayer, his first official utterance as President of the United States.

"Almighty God," President Eisenhower prayed, "as we stand here at this moment, my future associates in the executive branch of government join me in beseeching that Thou wilt make full and complete our dedication to the service of the people in this throng and their fellow citizens everywhere. Give us, we pray, the power to discern clearly right from wrong and allow all our words and actions to be governed thereby and by the laws of this land.

"Especially we pray that our concern shall be for all the people—regardless of station, race or coloring. My cooperation be permitted and be the mutual aim of those who, under the concept of our Constitution, hold to differing political beliefs, so that all may work for the good of our beloved country and for Thy glory. Amen."

In taking the oath of office, President Eisenhower used two Bibles. One was the Bible upon which George Washington took the oath as first President on April 30, 1789. The other was Gen. Eisenhower's personal Bible given to him by his mother when he was graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1915.

The George Washington Bible was opened to the following passage from Psalm 127, selected by the President: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but (Continued On Page Two)

EDUCATION INTEREST TO BE PROMOTED IN '54

Nashville, Tenn.—(BP)—A program of Southern Convention-wide emphasis on Christian education will be projected for one week beginning in April, 1954, with official approval of the Executive Committee.

The action was the outgrowth of a joint study by the Education Commission and the Promotion Committee of the Executive Committee. Dr. Orin Cornett is director of the Education Commission and Dr. Merrill D. Moore is secretary of promotion for the Executive Committee.

Two workshops are planned as a part of the program. Establishment of a permanent college counselling committee would be an objective of one of the workshops. No attempt to deal with the problem of financial support for colleges would be undertaken, except as individual state conventions decided to add this feature.

State's First Royal Ambassador Congress Meets In Jackson Mar. 13-14

Mississippi Baptists' first state Royal Ambassador Congress will be held at Calvary Church in Jackson March 13-14.

Several hundred Royal Ambassadors from every section of the state are expected to attend the Congress to be held under direction of Joel Ray, state R. A. secretary and under sponsorship of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, Miss Edwina Robinson, executive secretary.

A number of outstanding personalities, both from over the south as well as from Mississippi, will appear on the program, to begin Friday at 10:00 a. m., and close at 3:30 p. m. Saturday.

These will include: Dr. Loyd Corder (and Joe the Baptist) of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta; J. D. Wagon, Arkansas R. A. secretary; Glen McCollough, Georgia R. A. secretary; Dr. Wash Watts, of New Orleans Seminary; Rev. Frank Ling, Shanghai, China. Rev. Gerald Riddell, Columbia, South America; Wendell Russell, Monticello, Miss., assistant Gar-



JOEL RAY

aywa camp director; Miss Robinson, Mr. Ray, Dr. Harold G. Basden, pastor Calvary Church and Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, all of Jackson.

"Into all the World" will be the theme of the congress. The complete program will be announced later.

Practical Plans Suggested For Stewardship Week

By W. R. ROBERTS

State Chairman of Christian Stewardship Week—Oct. 18-25

Every facility and agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will be focused on Christian Stewardship Week, October 18-25. The indications are now that there will be a wider acceptance of the simultaneous Stewardship effort this year than there was of the simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade two years ago. If the plans are carried out by all of our churches it can mean the beginning of a new chapter in the progress of Mississippi Baptists. The following are a few of the plans that should be made:

Schedule These Plans

1. School of Stewardship, October 18-25, 1953. Use the series of books now being prepared especially for these schools, including: Adult, Found Faithful, Merrill D. Moore; Young People, Good Stewards, J. E. Dillard; Intermediate, Partners With God, Elizabeth Evans Terry; Junior, The Talking Penny, Betham Van Ness.

Sunday school or Training Union credit will be given for the completion of the Adult or Young People's books when the customary requirements for credit are met. Training Union credit only may be secured for the completion of the Junior and Intermediate books. These books are being prepared under the direction of an editorial advisory committee composed of representatives from the leadership of the Sunday school and Training Union departments of the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood and the Executive Committee.

2. Leadership Rally in each association in September, on date to be set by the association. This meeting will be planned by the associational stewardship committee. The purpose of this rally is to present the School of Stewardship plans to the leadership of the churches in the association, to assure that each church has been enlisted, to complete final plans, and to stimulate enthusiasm. Upon this leadership rally will hinge much of the success of the School of Stewardship.

3. Budget Day in each church, when the church budget for the coming year will be adopted. This day should be set on October 18 or nearest convenient Sunday.

4. Pledge Day and Every-Member Canvass when subscriptions to the budget will be taken on Sunday, November 15, or nearest convenient Sunday.

Final Week Of Leadership Meetings To Be Held In Northern Mississippi

With the first and second week of the annual Leadership Conferences and Brotherhood Rallies successfully completed, the third and final week will be held this coming week with a swing through north Mississippi.

The opening meeting will be held at Houston, with the series to be concluded on Friday night at Calvary Church in Greenwood.

Tuesday's meeting will be held at First Church, Booneville, Wednesday at First Oxford and Thursday at Clarksdale First Church.

The morning and afternoon sessions will be devoted to the leadership conferences while the evening sessions will be given over to the Brotherhood Rally.

These meetings are held under sponsorship of the State Convention Board and are conducted by a group of outstanding leaders from over the south as well as over the state.

Each day's meeting begins at 9:30 with adjournment at 9 p. m. The host church provides lunch.

Those especially invited are all church leaders, including pastors, deacons, church officer, Training Union officers and leaders, Sunday School officers and teachers, W. M. U. officers, church staff members and all Brotherhood members.

Galveston Hotel Space Available For SBC Convention Messengers

HOUSTON, Tex. —(BP)— Hotel space for the Southern Baptist Convention that meets here May 6-10 is available in Galveston, a neighboring city, according to William R. Estep, Jr., chairman of the publicity committee for the Houston meeting.

Mr. Estep writes: "The hotels of Galveston are often used for large conventions that meet in Houston. There is a six-lane highway that connects the two cities, making them only forty minutes apart. Galveston, too, has the advantage of being located right on

the Gulf with miles and miles of lovely beach.

The Galvez and the Buccaneer hotels are located on the waterfront. The Jean Lafitte is another very excellent first-class hotel and the Jack Tar Courts will furnish splendid accommodations."

"This arrangement may prove very satisfactory to many since this year the Convention will have only two sessions for the day, a morning and an evening session.

Mr. Estep said that those interested should write directly to the Galveston hotels.

Students Conduct Basketball Evangelism

JOHNSON, CITY, Tenn. —(RNS) —Ten students of Milligan College near here used their holiday vacation in a program of basketball evangelism in Indiana.

They gave the program to show how Christianity can be tied into everyday life and to promote Christian sportsmanship.

Programs were presented in the gymnasiums of six towns. Each started with prayer, followed by a basketball game. The Milligan boys, playing local teams, won every game.

At half-time of each game, a (Continued On Page Two)

Delta-Wide Crusade Plans To Be Made Feb. 9

Detailed plans for the Delta-wide evangelistic crusade will be made at a conference to be held at the First Baptist Church in Leland, Feb. 9. Dr. C. E. Wilbanks will serve as the general director of the crusade and will conduct the conference. Members of the committees on evangelism of the associations participating and all pastors of the delta are expected to attend. It is hoped each association will sponsor a simultaneous revival meeting in each church in the delta during March 22-April 5. Associations cooperating in the campaign are: Bolivar, DeSoto, Leflore, Panola, Riverside, Sharkey, Issaquena, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, Washington, Yazoo.

A general committee has been selected and has been at work for some time. The committee is composed of: Wilford M. Lee, Leland, General Chairman; W. H. Savell, Clarksdale, Finance Chairman; Harry Clark, Cleveland, Publicity Chairman; M. E. Perry, Greenville, Radio Chairman; C. J. Olander, Morgan City, Special Rallies Chairman.

This evangelistic campaign is the largest cooperative movement of this sort to be undertaken by any given section of the state. A great delta-wide rally will be held in March to inaugurate this campaign.

Howard Aultman To Take Tupelo Post



REV. HOWARD AULTMAN

Rev. Howard Aultman, pastor of the First Church, Holly Springs, has resigned to become pastor of the Harrisburg Church in Tupelo. He will begin his Tupelo pastorate on February 15.

Married and the father of a six-year-old daughter, Mr. Aultman attended Mississippi College, Duke University and the New Orleans Seminary.

Before going to the Holly Spring Church eight years ago, Mr. Aultman taught in the Lucedale high school for two years. Later he served as education-music director of the Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Alabama for six years.

On February the Holly Springs Church will dedicate an educational building debt-free. Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of the New Orleans Seminary, will preach the dedication sermon.

Harrisburg Church has been without a pastor since February 1, 1952 when Rev. Winfred Moore resigned to accept the pastorate at Borger, Texas. Allison, Bell, lay-evangelist, has served as supply pastor since July.

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Students Conduct

(Continued From Page One) Milligan men's quartet sang gospel numbers. Then one of the students gave a talk. After the game there was a talk on Milligan's presentation of "Christian Education—the Hope of the World."

The athlete-evangelists played to capacity crowds, the largest being 1200 at Danville, Ind.

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James R. Jones, former minister First Church, Gulfport, has returned to the church and the same position following a period of service with the First Church in West Monroe, La.

GROW A BETTER CHURCH

Church Organization	\$8.00
Church Leadership	8.50
Teaching Principles	9.50
Church Recreation	6.00
Evangelism	8.00
Missions	8.00

SEMINARY EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

New Orleans Seminary Offers Chaplains Class

The New Orleans Seminary is offering a course for prospective Chaplains, beginning Jan. 8. The registrar and an active Navy Chaplain during World War II, Dr. James C. Taylor, will teach the class.

The course grew out of a demand. So many students face the possibility of becoming military chaplains that they have asked the faculty for practical help in the field.

Dr. Taylor will guide volunteers for the chaplaincy in a study of the opportunities, problems and work of the Chaplain's Corps. The chaplain's responsibility to his men, to his own denomination and to his God, will be studied.

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Special Offer From Baptist World Alliance

Did you attend the Eighth World Congress of the Baptist World Alliance held in Cleveland, Ohio in 1950? If so, you will want a copy of the Report of that meeting. If you did not attend the Cleveland Congress you should begin now to plan to attend the Congress to be held in London, England in 1955 by reading the Report of the Cleveland meeting. This valuable book is full of historical information, and should be in the library of every Baptist pastor.

We have left on hand a small supply of these books, and for a limited time you may secure a copy of this Four Dollar volume for the price of \$2.50. Order your copy from the Judson Press, 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

WHY NOT AN EVERY MEMBER TITHING CANVASS?

BY DR. E. N. PATTERSON

Why not turn away from every plan except "God's Plan." Southern Baptists are ready to promote the every member tithing canvass.

According to the teaching of God's word the Christian who gives less than the tithe in the Lord's work is an unfaithful steward. Why continue to beg Christians to give less than a tithe of their income.

The Christian who attends the church regularly will give more, in an all out tithing program, than he will when the church asks him to sign up for less than a tithe.

Every Christian can do as he pleases about this matter, but it is time for our churches to teach only the tithe as a minimum for Christian Stewardship. Let us stop begging Christians to tithe, or please give some small amount. Let us teach the only plan taught in the Bible and then challenge all Christians to be faithful in their stewardship.

This is not legalistic, and should not be presented in that spirit. The tenth is the beginning for all Biblical Stewardship of material possessions and we should not ask Christians to do less.

1,875 Attend Regional S.S. Clinics In Brazil; 50 Churches Represented

To help small interior churches improve their Sunday Schools, four missionaries recently conducted regional Sunday School conferences in the state of Pernambuco, North Brazil.

Fifty churches were represented in the conferences, according to J. B. Underwood, State field missionary. A total of 1,875 people attended the conferences.

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FIRST MODERN KOREAN BIBLE PUBLISHED

Seoul, Korea (RNS)—Distribution of the first Bible translated into modern Korean has begun here. The edition of 100,000 copies will be sold in book stores and given to orphanages, hospitals and prisoner-of-war camps.

The translation is in Hankul, new written form of Korean adopted as the official language when the Republic of Korea was established in 1948.

Publication of the Hankul Bible is in the nature of a personal triumph for Dr. Young-Bin Im, general secretary of the Korean Bible Society. He has been identified with the project since its inception and has carried it to completion against what, at times, seemed insurmountable difficulties.

The translation was the only item saved from Bible House when Seoul fell. It was smuggled out of the Korean capital by Dr. Im and buried in earthen jars for safe-keeping. Later, he carried it to Pusan and then to Japan where he re-translated 400 pages destroyed by Communists.

Craft Goes To Concord



REV. MEL CRAFT, JR.

Rev. Mel Craft, Jr., has assumed the pastorate of the Concord Church in Franklin County.

He came to the church from the pastorate of Belfontaine Church in Ocean Springs, where he led in an active and progressive program.

Mr. Craft is a graduate of Mississippi College and is in his second year at the New Orleans Seminary.

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EAST SIDE, GULFPORT TO HEAR CARL ELDER

A preacher whose usual congregation has Hansen's Disease will speak to the men of the East Side, Gulfport Brotherhood, Monday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p. m.

He is Rev. N. Carl Elder, a former Presbyterian missionary to Thailand, and an air force chaplain during World War II. After the war he became an editor of The Voice of America, in charge of all broadcasts to Thailand.

The American Leprosy Missions, Inc., New York, supports his work. They have built a chapel and a Protestant chaplain's home.

Rev. Dan Morton is the East Side pastor.

Prayer Precedes

(Continued From Page One) in vain."

The President's personal Bible was opened to the following verse from II Corinthians 7:14: "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

The President rested his left hand in such a way that it touched both Bibles as Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson administered the oath of office.

Clergymen of the three faiths participated in the inauguration ceremonies. Roman Catholic Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington, D. C., delivered the invocation; Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of The Temple, Cleveland, O., offered a prayer just before the administering of the oath of office to Gen. Eisenhower; and Presiding Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill of the Protestant Episcopal Church gave the benediction closing the ceremonies.

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BMC IS HOST TO YWA HOUSE PARTY FEB. 6-8

Blue Mountain, Miss., Jan. 26—The Blue Mountain College Young Woman's Auxiliary, under the direction of its president, Norma Ruth Smith, Laurel, is sponsoring a YWA house party February 6-8. Girls from four districts will be represented, with approximately 150 YWA's expected to attend.

Among the speakers to be present are Miss Margaret Bruce, Southern Baptist Young People's Director; Miss Almarine Brown, Mississippi WMU president; Miss People's Secretary; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitten, who are missionaries to Argentine.

Make WILL In Your January

Five reasons why:

1. It is your sacred right to say what will be done with your estate
2. It will save your heirs needless expense and trouble.
3. It is the best provision under the law for handling your estate.
4. Do it now. When you need a will it will be too late!
5. God's will should be written into your will. He has given you all things richly to enjoy.

January, Make-Your-Will Month

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"Too Little Too Late"

Baptists have the chance of a lifetime in 1953.

This is the hour, '53 is the year for a landslide victory on the issue of Stewardship of our money.

Several factors are converging to make these next few months a time of unparalleled opportunity for enlistment in stewardship.

1. **Money** is relatively easy to get now. Employment is at a high level, per capita income is at a peak, and even though living costs are at an all-time high our living standard is also at an all-time high. This time of prosperity will probably continue unabated throughout this year—the Eisenhower administration is basing its plans on the fact that there will be no business recession in the immediate future regardless of what happens in Korea.

2. **The government**, often the last to follow a trend of the times, is now encouraging more liberal and generous giving to religious and charitable causes. Income tax laws have been revised to allow deductions for contributions to church and charitable institutions and causes up to 20% of one's total income. The former limit was only 15%.

3. **The needs** of growing, thriving churches and a rapidly expanding denomination are becoming much more obvious and self-evident. These "needs" are the price of admittance through the great doors of opportunity which stand before us. With a new awakening to Kingdom needs and opportunities there must come bold and courageous leaders in our churches, associations, and conventions who will say, "Now is the time to do something about these needs!"

4. **Our people** are supporting the Cooperative Program as never before. The fact that Mississippi Baptists this past year for the first time gave as much as \$1,000,000 in one year through the Cooperative Program indicated that we have both the inclination and the means for a real undergirding of all our work.

5. **One of the chief reasons** that this year is a time of unusual opportunity for stewardship enlistment is that during the year every Southern Baptist agency will be stressing that one fundamentally important subject as never before. We can make this campaign an all-out, realistic attempt to reach that fascinating goal, "Every Baptist a Tither." If we respond to this rally cry in all of our churches now the effort may very well mean in Southern Baptist tithers, "A Million More in '54."

Following the leadership of State General Chairman, W. R. Roberts



and Dr. Quarles, Christian Stewardship Week, October 18-25, can help turn the tide for all of our Mississippi Baptist program.

6. **God's promises** in regard to stewardship of money are still literally true. The "floodgates of heaven" are waiting to be opened by that golden-key of faith—the faith of pastors, deacons, teachers and leaders in our churches who will plan for, pray for, ask for, and expect Baptists to become good stewards.

This is the hour to mobilize! This is the year to act! We cannot afford to do "too little too late!"

W. C. FIELDS,

Yazoo City.

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Plan For A Youth Revival

The golden voice of Dr. Truett used to thrill us as he would quote the words of Melancthon: "Fitting to train one single youth is a greater achievement than the taking of Troy."

Well might our hearts thrill now at the opportunity that presents itself to the churches of America to win and to train the youth of our Land for Christ. Students of the problem tell us that there are in the United States upwards of twenty million young people between the ages of 16 and 24. To this number must be added five million more between the ages of 12 and 14 who are, roughly speaking, "young people" as the term is commonly used. More than two million of these young people hold membership in Southern Baptist churches. Here at our very door

is an opportunity of first magnitude.

Presented with this challenge, it is our opinion that our churches will find definite values in the Youth Revival, or Youth Week as some prefer to call it, as a means of reaching, enlisting, and training young people and of bringing to the vital problems of youth the light of Christian experience and teaching.

The Youth Revival is predicated upon two far-reaching and fundamental truths, namely: Youth can lead youth further than anyone else can and youth is the time to be trained in evangelism.

While the major emphasis in most of these youth meetings has been the winning of youth to Christ and the training of young people to become soul-winners, the program will be found helpful in meeting other basic needs of youth such as their need to find themselves, their life-work, etc. Some of our choicest young people testify that more than anything else it was the inspiration, challenge, and guidance in such youth meetings that led to a dedication of their lives to full-time Christian service.

A further advantage of the Youth Revival is that it affords an opportunity for training youth in practical church administration, as young people take over the entire leadership of the church during youth week.

In planning summer programs we shall plan wisely if we give major concern to these young people with a view to winning them to Christ and providing an adequate

program to meet their life needs. With adequate preparation and wise and careful choice of leaders, the Youth Revival will succeed wherever there are young people—in country, town, or city churches.

Both the Department of Student Activities, under whose direction this work is promoted, and the Department of Evangelism will gladly assist pastors, churches, and Associational leaders in shaping plans and securing workers.

—Dr. Wilburn S. Smith.

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Our Readers Write

A NATIVE REPORTS

Dear Editor,

I have been out in the great Northwest as pastor of the Quincy Valley Baptist Church, Washington, for six months, and feel it is time to report to my home state paper. Our mission has just become the 66th organized church in the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington.

This church is located in probably the richest farming land in America, and the fastest-growing section of the West. This is Quincy, Washington, in the Columbia Basin Irrigation project.

The most important thing happening here is the coming of large numbers of Southern Baptists. Some are not very well informed, and are joining any church that is convenient. However, most of our Southern Baptists are willing to pay the price for a non-compromising Southern Baptist Church.

The work here is difficult—80 per cent of the State of Washington profess no kind of religion. The Council of Churches has tagged us as illegal and non-cooperative, and I suppose we are, from their point of view. The old timers do not accept us at all, but they are fast becoming a minority.

Our work here is encouraging. Our people are loyal, and this is, indeed, a new frontier.

If there is someone or a church in Mississippi that would like to give a boost to a group of struggling fellow-Christians, here is your chance. We need \$2,800 to buy lots on which to build a church. We cannot borrow money to build with until we have the land.

Yours in Christ,

R. T. LILES.

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GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

Shady Grove Is In

It is said that one good turn deserves another. Shady Grove Church in Panola County proved it. They recently adopted the budget plan of church finance. As one good turn deserved another they also adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. Rev. F. O. Martin is the pastor.

Record readers in Panola County are now listed as follows: Askew 13; BATESVILLE 257; COMO 91; Courtland 17; CRENSHAW 64; CURTIS 23; Easley Memorial 8; ENON 40; GOOD HOPE 37; HEBRON 33; LIBERTY HILL 38; Lock Station 13; Longtown 8; McIvor 8; PEACH CREEK 58; Pharasalia 2; PILGRIM'S REST 37; POPE 28; SARDIS 37; TOCOWA 30; UNION 27; White Oak 1; SHADY GROVE 22; and White Oak Grove 5.

Cochran Tried EF Plan; Continues To Approve

Rev. Sam W. Cochran, formerly of Waynesboro but now of Clinton, has led the Palestine Church in Simpson County to adopt the Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record.

When he was in Waynesboro, the church to which he belonged had the Every Family Plan as a part of its program. Being a layman at that time, he liked the plan. Now being a pastor he also likes it.

Record readers in Simpson county are now listed: ANTIOCH 23; Athens 1; BRAXTON 52; COATS 15; Campbells Creek 12; D'LO 37; 1Dry Creek 19; FORK (BETHHEM) 45; Goodwater 6; HARRISVILLE 45; HOLLEY GROVE 22; MACEDONIA 59; MAGEE 209; MENDENHALL 118; MT. ZION 94; NEW HOPE 39; OAK GROVE 58; PALESTINE 1; PINE GROVE 25; PINOLA 57; PLEASANT HILL 61; PLEASANT VAL-

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Toxish Young People Surrender For Service



TOWERY WARE



NORA ALICE STEGALL

Towery Ware (left) and Nora Alice Stegall of the Toxish Church in Pontotoc County surrendered for full-time Christian service during the ministry of Rev. Paul Harwood. Towery has been licensed to preach. He is a senior in high school and plans to enter Clarke College next year. Nora Alice surrendered for mission service. She is vice-president of the B. S. U. at Itawamba Junior College and plans to enter Mississippi College. Rev. Charles Thompson, Jr., is pastor.

ILLINOIS MAY INVITE 1956 SBC CONVENTION

CARBONDALE, Ill. —(BP)—Chicago is being discussed as the site for the 1956 Southern Baptist Convention, according to an editorial in the Illinois Baptist. No official invitation has been issued. The editor suggested that it would be a good way to help Southern Baptists in Illinois celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their state association.

EY 40; SHIVERS 30; SILOAM 28; STONEWALL 29; STRONG RIVER 37; WEATHERSBY 43; New Bethlehem 1; SARATOGA 21; and CORINTH 41.

Shifalo

Recently Dr. Joe T. Odle, pastor of First Church, Gulfport, and Associational Missionary O. B. Anderson felt that the Gulfcoast Association should be 100% for the Baptist Record. Only two small churches are not on the Record roll: Recently those two churches have come in. And now Gulfcoast is Baptist Record Territory.

Although a small church, Shifalo is sending the Record to all of its families and that means that those people are going to keep up with Baptist affairs at home and abroad.

Record readers in Gulf Coast Association are now listed as follows: BAY ST. LOUIS 89, KILN-SHIFALO 10, LOGTOWN 36, Pearlinton 1, LAKESHORE 13, BIG RIDGE 41, BILOXI, FIRST 303, BILOXI, SECOND 34, Crane 1, GULFPORT, FIRST 815, GULFPORT, EAST SIDE 86, GULFPORT, GRACE MEMORIAL 44, FERNWOOD (BOWEN MEMORIAL) 30, HANDSBORO 85, LONG BEACH 123, Mississippi City 2, NEW HOPE 61, PASS CHRISTIAN 39, SHARON 11, WEST GULFPORT 16, WOOLMARKET 32, LYMAN 36, RIVERSIDE 11, McHENRY 34, CALVARY MISSION 19, PASS ROAD 18, SUCCESS 17, and TRINITY 48.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young, Clinton, Miss.

Charles H. Bolton, Aven Park, Fla., from Executive Sec., Southern Baptist Foundation.

Guy Pattey, Grandview, N. Mex. from Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Guy Collins, Amiable Church, Glenmora, La. from Oak Grove, Clearwater, La.

R. G. Merrett, Gaskin, La., from Cherrere, West Monroe, La.

Charles L. Moore, Pine Grove Ch., Bastrop, La. from Crockett Point, La.

O. L. McGinnis, Victory, Asheville, N. C., from Enon, N. C.

Ray J. Hubert, Smyrna and Blue Springs, Dothan, Ala. from Electric, Ala.

Stephen L. Cloud, Gardendale, Corpus Christi, Tex. from Thomson, Ala.

James T. Ford, First, Birmingham, Ala. from First, Huntsville, Ala.

Merrell Meadows, Orchard Knob, Atlanta, Ga. from First, Sandersville, Ga.

Bernard A. States, First, Ripley, Tenn. from First, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Ralph Dean Field, First, Fairfield, Ala. from Avondale, Chattanooga, Tenn.

William Jordan Holland, First, Sandersville, Ga. from Millen, Ga.

B. B. Hilbun, Chaplain, Kentucky Baptist Hospital from First, Greensburg, Ky.

J. Truman Brown, Park Circle, Charleston, S. C., from Eastland, Greenville, S. C.

A. C. Krueger, Bagnell, Lakeozard Mo. from First, Gerster, Mo.

TEXAN TAKES BSU POST

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Bill B. Cody, former student secretary at the University of Kentucky at Lexington, has been announced as a new associate in the Baptist Student Department. A native of Texas, he has been at the university for the past three years.

A graduate of Baylor University in 1946 and Southwestern Seminary in 1949, Cody assumed his new duties Jan. 1. He has been outstanding in the field of evangelism and will continue to specialize in this area in his new work. He is an ordained minister.

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RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Whereas, W. D. Elenberg, pastor of Yockanookany Church, Attala county, saw fit to accept a call to such church and began his pastorate in October, 1951; and

Whereas, through his consecrated work, excellent progress has been made since he came with us in that

(1) The annual budget of the church has been raised from \$900 to \$2300; and

(2) The church building has been redecorated and repainted; and

(3) There has been organized a Baptist Training Union under his leadership; and

(4) A Wednesday evening prayer meeting has been organized; and

(5) The Sunday school has grown and

Whereas, now, after prayerful consideration, our pastor has felt that he was led by the Lord to accept a full time pastorate at Corinth, Jasper county, Mississippi, and he has therefore resigned his pastorate here effective January 1, 1953, in order that he may devote his full time to such church at Corinth; and

Whereas, we are deeply appreciative of all of the fine work he has done and the Christian fellowship which he has fostered in our midst.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Yockanookany Baptist Church, Attala county, this the fourth day of January, 1953, that we express to Pastor W. D. Elenberg our sincere thanks, appreciation and genuine love, and we wish for him in his new pastorate continued leadership evidenced by his progressive work and results there.

Resolved further that a copy of this Resolution be furnished the Baptist Record, Jackson, Mississippi, and a copy spread upon the Minutes of this church, and a copy given to our pastor.

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CHESTER SWOR TO BE FEATURED SPEAKER



DR. CHESTER E. SWOR

Dr. Chester E. Swor, Baptist youth leader, will be the principal speaker for the First Spiritual Emphasis Week ever to be held on the campus of Mississippi College, set for Feb. 1-6.

The event will be held under direction of Charles M. Tolbert, B. S. U. secretary and George Dukes of Magee, B. S. U. president, with Julius Thompson of Morton chairman of the special committee on preparation.

Committee chairmen include: Arrangements, Gerald Hawkins, Columbus; spiritual preparation, Peggy Emerson, Hernando; publicity, Bradley Pope, Brookhaven; ushers, Jack Medlin, New Albany.

Services will begin Monday night in Nelson Hall auditorium and will continue through Friday at 10 a. m., and 7 p. m.

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Arlo D. Nieman, member of First Church of Gulfport for the past several years, has been licensed to preach by that church.

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JONES COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

Jones County Association will begin their Central Leadership School on next Monday, February 2, at First Baptist Church, Laurel. This school has been planned by the associational Training Union Officers under the direction of Mr. Homer Fleming, Director; Mr. Alton Yarbrough, Associate Director, and Rev. C. J. Rushing, Missionary. Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Cook of Nashville will be present as two of a faculty of approximately seventeen. Miss Louise Hill, associate in the state training union department, is also a member of the faculty.

Mr. Cook, Director of Adult work in the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board, will be present to teach the "Baptist Training Union Manual" to all general Training Union officers. He will speak during the regular Jones County Baptist Broadcast on Sunday morning, February 1, at 8 a. m. over Station WLAU. Mrs. Cook will lead the conference for Intermediate Leaders and Sponsors. Miss Hill will teach the "Intermediate Union Manual."

In the adult section, two books will be offered. Rev. Dick Gwyn of Summerland will teach "The Baptist Adult Union Manual" and five pastors will undertake the teaching of the book "The Christian In The Modern World." They are: Rev. Tommy Fant, Rev. J. D. Aycock, Rev. Jimmy Hurt, Rev. S. N. Abercrombie and Rev. H. J. Rushing.

Mrs. James H. Street will teach "The Baptist Young People's Union Administration," Mrs. Fred Williams, "The Junior Leadership Manual"; Miss Sara Jo Pennebaker, "The Junior Union Manual" for boys and girls nine and ten years of age; Mr. Floyd Bishop will teach the same book for those eleven and twelve years of age.

The Nursery, Beginner, and Primary Leadership Manual will be taught by Miss Anna Lea Walters while Mrs. Eric Clark, and Mrs. Roy Weathersby, Mrs. Homer Fleming will direct activities for the Primary, Beginner and Nursery children.

WHITE SAND CHURCH ORGANIZES

The White Sand Church, Route 3, Poplarville, of Pearl River Association, organized a Training Union for the first time in over

two years on Sunday night, January 4. Forty-six enrolled on the opening night.

This new Training Union has a union for Adults, Intermediates, and Juniors and has organized a Primary and a Beginner department. Mrs. John F. Gibson was named as Director. Rev. John F. Gibson, a senior at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, is pastor of the church.

LOOK FOR ATTENDANCE LISTINGS NEXT WEEK

Last week there appeared in this column a call for all Training Union Directors of the state to send the Training Union Department the average attendance for the month of January so that in next week's issue of "The Baptist Record" we might list those churches which for the month maintained an average of at least seventy-five for the month.

That list will appear in this column next week.

CONVENTION AND ASSEMBLY FEATURES

We have a large number of requests for leaflets on the Intermediate Sword Drill, Young People's Speakers' Tournament, Junior Memory Work Drill and other of our convention and assembly features. These orders will be filled as soon as the material reaches our office in Jackson. Just as soon as we receive this material, notice of that fact will appear in this column.

QUICK QUOTES

Brother Harry C. Mann of Robinson Baptist Church at Peoria writes that their church has consistently had a higher record of attendance in Training Union than they have had in Sunday school. He gives credit for this record to Mr. A. C. Bates who is the Training Union Director. The church has recently enjoyed the study of the book of Philippians.

TUTWILER HAS STANDARD TRAINING UNION

The Training Union of First Baptist Church, Tutwiler, reports that their Training Union has completed all the requirements for standard recognition for the quarter ending December 31, 1952. Mr. Robert E. Smith is the General Director of this standard organization.

New Training Union Organized At Immanuel, Jones County

Five-month-old Immanuel church in Jones county now has a Training Union. Associational Training Union officers Homer Fleming and Alton Yarbrough met with some forty interested people on Sunday, January 11, for the purpose of organizing. Mr. Sammy Monk was elected director of the new organization. All unions were organized and officers elected.

Immanuel Church was organized just five months ago with 29 charter members. Rev. S. W. Monk serves the church as pastor.

Lewis Myers Ordained By Ruleville Church



REV. LEWIS MYERS

Rev. Lewis Myers, a student at Mississippi College and pastor of the mission of the Ruleville Church, has been ordained to the gospel ministry by the mother church, Rev. M. Guy Reedy, pastor.

Participating in the service were Dr. Howard Spell, dean of Mississippi College; Rev. W. F. Gazier, pastor Roundaway Church; C. L. Milling, chairman of deacons at Ruleville and the Rev. Mr. Reedy.

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TRACY BARNETT JOINS OXFORD FIRST STAFF

Rev. Tracy B. Barnett, Jr. recently assumed his duties as assistant pastor of First Church, Oxford, where he will work with Dr. Frank Moody Purser, pastor.

Mr. Barnett was formerly pastor of the Como Church for two years. During his ministry at Como there were 99 additions, 52 by baptism. Several new Sunday school classes were organized which helped increase the enrollment by twenty five per cent. A Training Union was organized with nearly half of the church membership enrolled. The church budget was increased, with the greater part of the increase going to local and associational missions and the Cooperative Program. The Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record was also adopted.

ROCKY SPRINGS, YAZOO, NOTES GROWTH

Rocky Springs Church in Yazoo County has made much progress during the last year.

They have organized a W. M. S., a Junior Union in Training Union, held regular mid-week prayer services and have adopted the Unified Budget for the church with a liberal donation each month to the Cooperative program.

Recently they had a Training Union study course with all the enrolled members meeting requirements for seals except two. Rev. Elton Wheeler is pastor at Rocky Springs and also at Eden.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary JO ANN SUMMERS, Office Secretary

MAJOR BROTHERHOOD ACTIVITY FOR 1953

EVANGELISM

Here is the place for Brotherhood men to begin. Our 1953 Brotherhood program should be thoroughly permeated and motivated with love for lost men and lost boys. What can we do? Here are some specific suggestions any one of which promotes evangelism and all of which are possible to individuals and to groups of Brotherhood men.

Personal Witnessing—
 Conduct a workshop on the techniques of all types of visiting.

Map a program to assist the pastor and his staff in visitation of new members.

Give every assistance to the leadership of the church in setting up a perennial visitation program.

Arrange for and hold prayer meetings in homes, particularly in homes of the unsaved, before and during revivals.

Go after the boys with lost fathers, and fathers with lost sons.

Group Evangelism—

Plan a definite program for ministering to the armed forces adjacent to the community.

Institute evangelistic work in jails and similar institutions; in hospitals; in homes for the aged; reformation; juvenile home. This work will reach the lost and develop soul-winners.

Arrange services in industrial establishments where messages may be given by men to men.

Establishing Missions—

Aid in establishing branch Sunday schools and enlisting personnel for them.

Work with church and associational leaders in establishing mission in or near the community.

Sponsor or assist in mission revivals.

Tract Distribution—

Furnish to Brotherhood members gospel tracts, cards, and testimonials for their own use in personal talks with the unsaved.

Assume responsibility for wide distribution of printed publicity in connection with church revivals.

Nashville Paper Prints Church News

NASHVILLE —(BP)— Churches are news! Here in Middle Tennessee, where for years folks have taken their religion pretty seriously, the Nashville Banner has met this challenge with a young, ex-Air Corps bombardier named Bob Bell, Jr.

A little over a year ago Charles Moss, Banner executive editor, asked Mr. Bell, then a general assignment reporter, if he wanted to try a religious column. The two agreed on a column published tri-weekly, confined to church news in metropolitan Nashville.

The response was immediate and overwhelming. Circulation men reported the column was selling papers even in rural areas.

Today the column—"Churches Are News"—is a five-day-a-week feature on page one.

Mr. Bell, who will be covering the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston next May for his paper, receives weekly from 150 to 200 pieces of mail.

There are approximately 400 churches in Nashville, and Mr. Bell devotes a good part of his time to establishing and maintaining personal contacts at each.

Board Approves The Singing Of 'America'

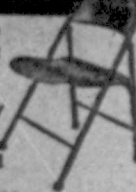
New York (RNS)— The Board of Education voted unanimously here to have all public schools in New York City open each day's classes by singing the fourth stanza of "America" as an act of reverence aimed at strengthening moral and spiritual values.

It directed that the stanza be sung immediately after the Pledge to the Flag, which earlier was instituted as a daily custom in the schools.

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Southeastern Seminary	12,860.95
W.M.U. Training School	3,987.89
American Seminary	4,526.25
Southern Baptist Hospital	3,190.31
Brotherhood	4,386.68
Radio Commission	9,969.73
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ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING By J. B. Lawrence

My heart overflows with joy over the glorious results of the Lottie Moon Offering. It was triumphant expression of the love of our women for our great foreign mission cause, and I simply cannot refrain from voicing my profound joy together with my congratulations for this glorious offering.

The March Week of Prayer for home missions comes in March and with a note of victory thrilling the souls of our women I am sure they will come to the Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions inspired and heartened to do more for home missions than they have ever done before. It will indeed be a great day when from the hills of the homeland out to the plains of the uttermost parts of the earth revival fires shall glow as evangelists of the cross carry the torch of light and love to all the people in the world at home and abroad.

What strength, joy, and consolation come to our home mission force with a knowledge that the prayers of our good women are ascending as incense from off the altars of loving hearts to our heavenly Father for them and their work. We exhort you, my dear women, to pray earnestly for our homeland. Many forces are at work to paganize our people. We must go out into the highways and byways and into all the remote places where men are found in the homeland and compel them by our love and prayers to come to Christ and be saved.

There are some services so rich, so essential, so important that words of appreciation seem inadequate. This is the sort of service rendered by Woman's Missionary Union in the Annie Armstrong Offering last March. The offering amounting to \$989,293.74 up to November 15, greatly helped the Home Mission Board in sending the gospel to the remote places of the homeland.

Words are empty things, poverty stricken signs, that have little power to convey the meaning of such a service as this. When we think of the missionaries which the Annie Armstrong Offering supports and the work they are doing in preaching the gospel of redeeming grace to lost souls our vocabulary becomes poverty-stricken in attempting to describe the value of their work. The work they are doing cannot be measured by the number of sermons preached, visits made and miles traveled. It must be measured in soul-values amassed through the lengthening years of eternity. The richness of the service of these missionaries, known alone to the heavenly Father, is the measure of the value of the Annie Armstrong Offering of last March; and may this vision of the service rendered grip the imagination of our women as they pray for home missions and give to home missions in the March Week of Prayer

er and Annie Armstrong Offering.

If we could only think with Christ about the need in the homeland; if we could only visualize the spiritual thirst of the millions out of Christ; if we could only, like Jesus did, make the darkness and despair and suffering of the underprivileged all around us our own, what a difference it would make in our approach to the home mission task. Prayer will help us to do that.

Religion is a personal matter. Love for Christ is personal and individual. Prayer is personal. The local work of the church has a direct and specific appeal. So that our mission work becomes direct and specific to the individual. If we would cultivate benevolence, then our people must be led to feel that they are giving to something that has life and love threaded all through it. They must touch the heart-life of the missionaries, catch the spirit of their devotion, and feel the throb of new-born souls springing to life under the preaching of the gospel.

The March Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Offering is a personal matter in which the individual believer goes directly to God with his desire for the advancement of his cause upon earth and then responds directly with his gifts, that the prayers he offers may be answered in the salvation of souls.

HOUSEPARTY-ING WITH Y. W. A.'s!

ATTENTION YOUNG WOMEN! Have you written us you are coming? WHERE? Why, to one of the Houseparties for Young Woman's Auxiliaries in our state!! You haven't heard? Then let me review the facts for you:

TWO Y. W. A. HOUSEPARTIES WILL BE HELD IN FEBRUARY: Choose one according to District. Northern Region: (Districts 2, 3, 4, 5). . . February 6-8, 1953. Place: Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss.

Southern Region: (Districts 1, 6, 7, 8). . . February 13-15, 1953. Place: Miss. Woman's College, Hattiesburg, Miss.

BOTH HOUSEPARTIES BEGIN WITH REGISTRATION AT 4:30 on Friday, closing with lunch on Sunday. You'll want to be present for ALL events; they're planned for YOU!

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BE SURE TO REGISTER! No registration fee is required, but we need to know how many plan to attend. Blanks are being mailed to all Y. W. A. Counselors, but just a postal card will do! Write to: NELL TAYLOR, BOX 530, JACKSON, MISS.

COUNSELORS AND Y. W. A.'s, WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT YOUR Y. W. A. HOUSEPARTY!

Sparks & Splinters

Among the recent visitors to the Baptist Building were: Rev. J. B. Watkins, Newhebron; Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Smith, Lena; Bob Clegg, Holcomb; Rev. J. N. Holloway, Columbia; Tommy Alewine, Brandon; Rev. Ivon Lowry, Wheeler; Rev. and Mrs. Martin Williams, Clinton; Butch Williams, Clinton; Dr. V. L. Wyatt, Montgomery, Ala.; Rev. F. L. Coker, Kreele; Mrs. J. B. Laney, Calhoun City; Mrs. Ernest Barton; Derma; Mrs. John McBride, Clinton; Rev. Dewie Williams, Hopewell; and Jo Ann Spencer, Jackson.

A beautiful book for Sunbeams has recently been released by the Broadman Press. It is entitled David and Jane. Second and third graders and some of the upper first-grade children should be able to read the book with but little help from older readers. The author, Molly Vaughan Parrish, expresses the hope that Sunbeams and their leaders will catch a clearer understanding of what community missions really is and find some ideas and suggestions which will be of practical value to them. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

Dr. S. R. Woodson, pastor of First Church of Columbus will begin a series of sermons Sunday Feb. 1, on "The Seven Churches" with the series to be concluded with a message on "My Church."

One hundred four organizational leaders of the South Side Church, Meridian, attended a carry-in supper and planning meeting on January 16. Rev. A. Estus Mason, pastor, led in a business session and Dr. Walter L. Moore, pastor of the First Church, Meridian, was the inspirational speaker.

Rev. James B. Riley, pastor of Brooksville Church, is the new moderator of the Noxubee Association, replacing Rev. J. F. Stanford of Macon who has accepted the pastorate at Pelahatchie.

Rev. Jimmy Yarbrough, pastor of the Westview Church in Jackson, has announced that special emphasis will be given to the Family Night program in the Training Union during the month of February. Recognition will be given to family groups.

Twelve sermons by Southern Baptists preachers on the 1953 Training Union Theme have been compiled by J. E. Lambdin in a book entitled Learn From Me. The price of the book is \$1.75. The sermons are Bible-centered and are concerned with major lessons we need to learn from the Master, keys for understanding and living the Christian life.

They are well organized, pertinently illustrated, and nicely balanced in appeal to both the head and the heart. It is published by Broadman Press. The authors are: C. Roy Angell, Florida; Claud B. Bowen, North Carolina; Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., Louisiana; Gaines S. Dobbins, Kentucky; Harold E. Dye, California; J. F. Heat-on, Missouri; John E. Huss, South Carolina; Fred T. Moffatt, Kentucky; Walter L. Moore, Mississippi; J. W. Storer, Oklahoma; E. Hermoud, Westmoreland, Texas, and K. Owen White, Arkansas. Order from the Baptist Book store.



There are to be seen in the picture above, Rev. A. A. Ward, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Port Gibson, second from the right, as he presents a check for \$5,000 to Dr. W. E. Greene, President of Clarke Memorial College, Newton. It will be used to memorialize the lobby of the new dormitory for boys for Mrs. A. A. Ward, deceased. The check was delivered after a touching story had been told of how Mrs. Ward, the former Miss Nina Mooney, a former student at Clarke, had done so much in her lifetime for her beloved Alma Mater. Mr. Ward stated these funds were made possible out of savings Mrs. Ward had made along with insurance she had provided. Happily looking on are Dean Theo Breland, to Brother Ward's left, and Lee Hudson, president of the boys dormitory council, to Dr. Greene's right.

The Highland Heights Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee, studied the book of Philippians the first week in January. Dr. S. A. Murphy was the teacher. The enrollment during the week was 575 with an average attendance of 408.

ATLANTA, Ga. —Distribution of 30,000 lithographed prints of the Lord's Prayer in Atlanta churches and Sunday schools marked the official opening of Printing Week activities here. Designed and produced by a local lithographer, the prayer — suitable for framing — was given through member churches of the Atlanta Christian Council.

The Religious Herald, Virginia Baptist paper, celebrated its 125th anniversary, Jan. 11. Founded in 1828, it is one of our three oldest Baptist papers. It has the distinction of retaining its same name, same denominational relationship, and the same place of publication for the entire length of its history. Dr. Reuben E. Alley is the present editor, having served since 1937.

Five Protestant Denominations will contribute to the construction of the new inter-denominational Church of the Open Door, to be built at the Farragut Housing Project in Brooklyn, N. Y. The new church and parish house, to be built at a cost of \$250,000 is sponsored by the Baptist, Congregational, Presbyterian, Methodist and Reformed churches, in cooperation with the Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council and the New York City Mission Society.

Boston (RNS) Several bills seeking to liberalize laws restricting day activities in Massachusetts have been filed in the legislature.

One measure would permit pool rooms to operate on Sundays. Other bills would allow real estate offices to be kept open, poultry transported by trucks or trailers, the sale of fuel oil at wholesale and emergency transportation of alcohol.

The "Blues" won in a contest at the Catchings Church, in which the Sunday School was divided into two teams called the "Blues" and the "Reds." The "Reds" entertained the winners in a period of fellowship at the close of the contest. The fellowship period ended with an inspirational message from the pastor, Rev. Byron Scruggs.

1,001 SERMON ILLUSTRATIONS AND QUOTATIONS (\$1.75) is the fourth in the popular Baker Minister's Handbook Series. It is published by the Baker Book House. In this volume you will find no less than 1,000 sermon illustrations and quotations. An attractive and unusual feature of this book is its variety of contributions for sermon illumination presenting: pertinent texts, classic proverbs and maxims, apt quotations and choice sayings, and quotable poetry—as well as the conventional, illustrative anecdotes. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

Committee members for the 1953 Brotherhood Dinner which will be staged in Washington, D. C. February 19 at the exclusive Mayflower Hotel under the aegis of the National Conference of Christians and Jews include Milton S. Krosheim Company, the largest whisky distributor in Washington, and James O. D. Moran, a member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control board of the District of Columbia; Morris Cafritz, whose wife, Gwendolyn, is noted for throwing some of the capital's biggest cocktail parties for notables, and many others.

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MRS. HOMER L. GRICE

The Junior Sunday school workers of Mississippi will have the rare privilege of the excellent services of Mrs. Homer L. Grice for the Junior conferences at our THREE Sunday School Conventions, at Tupelo, Meridian, and Gulfport, March 10-12, one full day at each place.

Mrs. Grice has made a great contribution to Junior work through her years of faithful service, and we urge our own workers of that age group to be sure

and plan to attend one of these Conventions. We are glad she is coming our way for those days.

CONVENTION INFORMATION

The idea of having three one-day Sunday school conventions last year was so popular with our people that we are doing the same this year.

This enables us to reach many more people than we would with only one convention. And, after all, we do want to be helpful always to the very largest possible number of people in all this work.

When? The dates of these three conventions are March 10; March 11, and March 12. The days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Where? We are being asked where they will be held. The meeting places are Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo; First Baptist Church, Meridian; First Baptist Church, Gulfport, and in the order named here.

Plan. The plan of the program is for one full day at each place, with morning, afternoon and evening sessions. The program and the personnel are the same for each day. There will be department conferences at the afternoon and evening sessions.

N. C. Baptist Hospital Gets \$65,000 Gift For Memorial Chapel

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Talk is increasing, also, about the Rio Baptist World Youth Conference in July. A number of Mississippians plan to attend.

Rev. Luther Litchfield Is Montrose Pastor

Rev. Luther Litchfield has been called as pastor of the Montrose Church in Clarke County. He and his wife will move on the field in May when he graduates from the New Orleans Seminary.

On March 1 the church will go from half time to full time.

Mr. Litchfield succeeds Rev. J. P. Gilbert.

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50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

40 YEARS AGO—

The Woman's Missionary Union of the First Church, Corinth, was the only union in the state to attain the "Standard of Excellence" in 1912, according to Mrs. W. A. McComb, president of officers of annual meeting. The W. M. U. of the Clinton Church has since reached that distinction under the leadership of Mrs. Julia T. Johnson.

The ladies of the church at Pontotoc report through their secretary, Anna L. Cooper, the packing of their Christmas box for Home Missionary, Rev. W. C. Grant and family, Estancia, New Mexico. The Y. W. A.'s led with \$90 worth of supplies; the W. M. U. with \$55.15; the Philatheas with \$32.50; a total of \$17.65, total weight of 270 lbs.

25 YEARS AGO—

Miss Elizabeth Kethley has been elected the new field worker of the W. M. U. of Mississippi to succeed Miss Maymie Slaughter who recently married Dr. Harry Claus.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE January 25, 1953			
Jackson, Westview	193	144	
Jackson, Northside	518	128	
Jackson, Parkway	955	458	
Jackson, First	1326	534	
Jackson, Crestwood	604	348	
Jackson, Calvary	1231	368	
Pearl City (Rankin Co.)	116	125	
Ruleville	220	79	
Moak's Creek	160	102	
Gulfport, New Hope	112	36	
Gulfport, First	829	266	
Grenada, Emmanuel	196	78	
Foxworth	189	103	
Columbus, First	783	294	
Crystal Springs, First	612	182	
Newton	432	297	
Meridian, Poplar			
Springs Drive	341	142	
Columbus, East End	212	102	
Clarksdale	703	126	
Laurel, Highland	180	81	
Purvis, First	219	102	
Greenwood, Calvary	393	188	
Morton	211	102	
Darling	65	36	
Brookhaven, First	831	371	
Main Church	748	291	
Southway	57	58	
Halbert Heights	26	22	
Pleasant Grove (Lincoln Co.)	101	85	
Cranfield	65	45	
Jackson, Van Winkle	440	222	
Jackson, Broadmoor	183	93	
Hernando, First	144	79	
Calhoun City, First	313	126	
Raymond	181	78	
Vicksburg, First	499	182	
Midway (Lauderdale Co.)	137	71	
Enterprise	130	9	
Montrose (Clarke Co.)	90	87	
Calvary (Yazoo Co.)	134	9	
Magee's Creek (Walthall Co.)	86	5	
McComb, South	227	78	
Yazoo City, First	470	145	
Pascagoula, First	860	312	
First Church	655	217	
Orange Grove Chapel	74	27	
McArthur Chapel	58	3	
Jackson Ave. Chapel	73	39	
Meridian, Fifteenth Ave.	537	257	
Kosciusko, First	678	232	
Louisville, First	412	137	
Louisville, East	49	35	
Louisville, South	44	29	
Louisville, West End	53	43	
McComb, East	430	167	
McComb, Friendship	164	77	
McComb, Locust St.	112	65	
Meridian, Highland	473	171	
Meridian, South Side	348	155	
Bethel (Amite Co.)	43	62	
Lucedale	329	174	
Houlka (Chickasaw Co.)	86	36	
Poplarville, First	200	78	
Grenada	624	119	
McComb, East	430	167	
Union (Walthall Co.)	123	88	
Pearlhaven (Lincoln Co.)	158	83	
Laurel, West	416	136	
Mission	46		
Laurel, Second Ave.	420	110	
Hattiesburg, Main St.	839	273	
Fair River (Lincoln Co.)	117	74	
Friendship (Lincoln Co.)	70	47	
Columbus, Southside	149	87	
Mission	31		
Handsboro	202	117	
Hattiesburg, Temple	550	163	
Bethlehem (Jones Co.)	110	74	
Ruth	73	48	
January 18, 1953			
West Point, First	713	272	
Main Church	631	219	
Calvary	82		
Corinth, Tate St.	210	82	

FIRST CHOCTAW MAN TO GRADUATE IN STATE



Bellvue Dedicates Site

On Sunday, February 1, at 2:30 o'clock the Bellvue Church, Lamar County will dedicate its new building site. The site is located on Highway 24, nine miles west of Hattiesburg.

According to the pastor, Rev. F. C. Norris, groundbreaking ceremonies will be held at the same time.

SECOND CHANCE GIVEN FOR BIBLE COURSE

Many in places of leadership in the churches let their first chance at learning slip by. Now, they have a second chance in the Seminary Extension Department. Representing the five seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Department offers a range of seventeen courses in Bible, Theology, Practical Theology, and Religious Education. Testimonials indicate the value of this home study approach to learning.

The latest course to be added to the curriculum is Church Counseling. This is a presentation of the organization and promotion of a practical, local church counseling program and a study of common counseling problem confronted by pastor, departmental leaders, teachers, and other church workers.

The enrolment of the Extension Department is now about 900, with 721 enrolled by correspondence, and about 200 enrolled in extension centers. Extensions have been located in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Texas, and Oklahoma.

All correspondence should be directed to Lee Gallman, director, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

Zion (Pontotoc Co.)	125	63
Meridian, Poplar		
Springs Drive	359	147
Lucedale	348	162
Delay	23	24
Meridian, Highland	486	160
Philadelphia, First	376	127
Meridian, South Side	395	165
Longview (Oktibbeha Co.)	36	37
Meridian, Oakland Hgts.	227	76
Bellvue (Lamar Co.)	44	39
Amity (Chickasaw Co.)	38	64

Henry Ben, a Choctaw Indian from Leake County the first man of his race ever to graduate from a college in Mississippi, is shown above receiving his card of membership in the Classroom Teacher Organization from Dr. Guy C. Mitchell, professor of education in whose department he majored.

Ben has just completed his work on his bachelor's degree and will receive his diploma in June.

He received his high school and Junior college training at Clarke College, Newton, and plans to return to his people upon graduation and teach among them.

His summers have been devoted to teaching in vacation Bible Schools among his people, especially in the eleven churches composing the Choctaw Association.

Ben's sister, Miss Fannie Ben, graduated last June from Blue Mountain College, and they both have high hopes of doing something for their people, especially in an educational way.

They have hopes one day the Choctaws will have a high school on the Reservation.

Form Veterans' New Life Movement in Korea

SEOUL, Korea — A "Christian Veterans' New Life Movement" has been formed here to provide spiritual and vocational training to wounded Korean soldiers before their discharge from the army.

Backers of the movement plan to give two months' training to soldiers confined in South Korea's military hospitals.

One aim of the project is to make the discharged soldiers leaders in the task of reconstructing this war-torn land.

General secretary of the Movement is the Rev. Kim Yung-Whan, a Presbyterian clergyman.

After receiving the Movement's training, veterans are expected to return to their towns and villages and teach their countrymen "how to live a new life."

Mr. Kim predicted the program would "set a fine example for revival, and the growing generation thus will learn why and how we have to help each other in order to rebuild our country."

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Dr. L. Bracey Campbell

For February 1

Possessions and the Kingdom
Bible Text: Matthew 19. (Read the whole chapter).

I. The Role of Possessions in the Scheme of Life

Possessions, property, money, bonds and notes, houses and lands—they all influence the lives of their possessors.

In this lesson we study the story of a fine young man who came eagerly to Jesus to inquire of Him concerning the best in life only to be foiled in his quest and cheated of his desire by his love for his property. From the angle of the influence of his property upon his life, let us look for a while at this young man.

II. The Young Man's Quest

He wanted the highest good in life. This in him was altogether noble. He did not ask for added material wealth, for a higher social position, for an exalted station in politics, but for the highest form of life. He wanted to be somebody worth while. And I submit to you that this is a worthy aim, the worthiest this young man could know.

Trouble with us of this generation is that we have the wrong scale of values in vogue among us. We estimate the worth of men by what they have got, by any means, crooked or straight. We say of a man or a woman, that he or she is worth a million dollars when, what we mean is that the subject of the remark is the possessor of a million dollars, or, perhaps we should change the language a bit and say that he or she is possessed by a million dollars.

I used to know a chap who was rated as having a million dollars, but was not worth a nickle to any body or anything. And we all have known people who had meager possessions in earthly store, but who were worth millions of money to the world in general and to the people whom their lives more intimately touched in particular. This young man of our lesson wanted to be worth much in the quality of life he lived.

III. The Young Man's Question

He had a question to which he wanted an answer, and he brought that question to the man in all the world most able to give the right answer. And that assertion goes with equal force for every question touching the problems of life that any one can be baffled by. Do you want light on the problems of life? He Who said, "I am the light of the world" can give you an answer of peace. "What shall I do?" How often here in my work as teacher (I am not an official faculty counselor) am I approached for advice by some dear boy or perplexed girl with the question, "Doctor, what shall I do?"

IV. The Young Man's Character

He was an excellent young chap. He had met the accented standards of respectability and would have been judged by his

neighbors as a "perfect gentleman." Mark writes of Him that our Lord looking upon him loved him, and I am sure that Mark's language means that the Lord admired the excellence of the young man's character. Take a look at the standard of righteousness up to which this young man outwardly measured and apply it to yourself. Can you read those commandments over and say that you have kept every one of them all your life? Oh, well, yes, you can say it, but you are supposed to tell the truth.

V. The Young Man's Longing

But this eager young man knew that there was something lacking in his equipment for leading the best life. He knew a profound lack in his soul, an unsatisfied and unvoiced longing for something better than he had yet known. Any person in the world will be plagued by the same longing unless he has found the one satisfaction for it.

It is not within the power of place or rank or yet of wealth of the greatest bank to make one truly blest. God has made man for Himself and man's heart is restless till it finds rest in the peace of God. This fact of the constitution of man's deep-down inner life accounts for very much of the crimes and the wickedness in the world, the result of man's restless, misdirected quest for the tranquility of soul that comes only to those who have found soul-anchorage in the Haven of Eternal Rest.

VI. THE YOUNG MAN'S ERROR

"What shall I do?" Oh, there it is! He thought that there was something he could do, some commandment of outward action he could perform. He was willing to do what God commanded, but he was unwilling to give what God demanded. "Son, give me thy heart," was just too hard a demand for him. And he was in this no different from the vast majority of us of this age. Men and women are willing to do a lot of things, good things, too, religious things; but the same people are unwilling to have God have control of the life in the direction of its activities, yes, and in the prescription of the arena of its affection and thoughts.

So far as doing with the hands and feet is concerned, there is no good thing one can do to inherit eternal life. If you wish to know whether a given religion is heathen ask a priest or other propagandist of that religion what he tells the prospective adherents of his religion they must do in order to secure to themselves the blessings of their god, and if he tells you that a devotee of his religion must do anything, keep any commandment, negative or positive, perform any ceremony of a n y sort, set that man down as a pagan.

Salvation comes of receiving as a gracious gift of God the Lordship and Saviorhood of Jesus. It consists in the action of a helpless, undeserving beggar, receiving the gift of eternal as a gift, "By

VII. THE YOUNG MAN'S CONFIDENCE

It was primarily in his wealth. I make no doubt he also laid his value of his culture, his social position, the fine appointments of a specious and splendid home. At least it was on the things a man by ingenuity and business acumen can acquire. Through all the speeding years, the line of his tribe has never failed; but their name has remained, "Legion", and has even gone on increasing with the process of the sums.

The world has millions of them today: men who have taken gold for God, ducats for their Deity, silver for their Savior, earthly houses for their heavenly homes; the orange peel, the sawdust, the savor of the half-cooked hamburger, and the cheap delights of the two-bit circus for the bread of life, the soul-satisfying cup of the Spirit, and the fellowship of the living Lord; the hope of the evanescent triumphs of social and political combats for "The peace of God that passeth understanding".

VIII. THE MAGNITUDE OF THE YOUNG MAN'S REFUSAL

He thought it was the refusal of a day. Perhaps he did not even regard it as his refusal of anything. He simply went away for that time, neglecting only to do then a thing which he might, if he became so minded, return to do at a later day. He had no slightest idea that he was walking a way from the greatest opportunity by which he had ever been faced, the greatest chance to obtain eternal life that ever had or ever should challenge his soul to acquisition.

Is it not so often so? We do not know that the slight decision may be the great decision, that the small refusal may become, as in this case. The Great Refusal, that the choice of a day may be the choice for all eternity. Of how many wrecked and ruined men may it be written that, "He stood at the door, when the door stood wide; He was almost ready to pass inside; He was almost ready to pay the cost: He was almost saved, but wholly lost."

This fine young man could, of course, have secured for himself a different fate. So bright his prospect, so sad his fate! It is Shakespeare, I think, who somewhere makes one of his characters say words to this meaning: There is a tide in the affairs of me which, Taken at its flood, leads on to fortune; but neglected, all the after voyage of their lives is bound in shallows and in miseries." That is true of every life lived anywhere in the world. If we only knew when we meet the hour of great decision!

If only we knew when we are sitting, like Pilate on the judgment seat, and before is the chance to make our after years sublime for goodness and real worth by one little decision that shall change the balance of our destiny for eternal bliss or everlasting banal! So momentous the decision to put away from our lives anything that stands between our hearts' best love and Jesus! Put away whatever it is that hinders Him from having the right-of-way in the ordering of your life's entire course. And in

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- February 2—Leadership Conference and Brotherhood Rallyes; Mack Smith, Lamar Association; al. Brotherhood President.
- February 3—Mrs. J. M. Buchanan, faculty, Blue Mountain College; Miss Joann Weaver, staff, Woman's College.
- February 4—Miss Mary Elizabeth Bellis, House Mother, Baptist-Orphanage; Mrs. Grady Cox, faculty, Mississippi College.
- February 5—Miss Jean Faulkner, BSU Secretary, Holmes Junior College; Rev. Cecil O. Sewell, Pearl River Association Training Union Director.
- February 6—Mrs. Herman Ross, Zion Association WMU President; Rev. C. J. Rushing, Jones County Association Missionary.
- February 7—John Simpson, Pike Association Sunday School Superintendent; Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, State Director of Evangelism, Baptist Bldg.
- February 8—BSU Dedicated Vocations Week; YWA Focus Week.

More than 30 clergymen and religious leaders from the East will participate in the all-day television workshop to be conducted by CBS Television on Thursday, Jan. 29 in New York. The CBS-TV clinic is designed to instruct ministers and lay associates as to how they can make maximum use of television.

this situation let Him be first, invite Him in to occupy fully all the realm and region of your being. That the young man, of our lesson neglected, nay, that he refused to do. His refusal was not, indeed, phrased in negative speech, but it was just as decided.

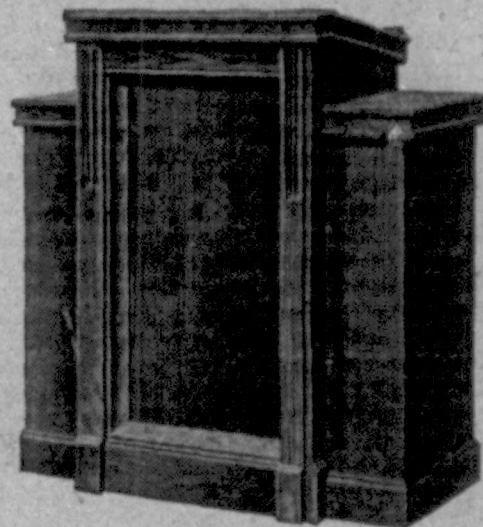
There were 84 "All Stars" at Training Union on a recent Sunday night at Calvary Church in Greenwood, Dr. R. A. Tulos, pastor. A prayer meeting, a daily Bible reader and also attends Training Union and evening service.

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Open Discussion of Current Question Results In Unity Says Herrin

BY J. C. HERRIN
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Many of us were distracted by the discussion that went on around the Southern Baptist Convention Hall in Miami. Perhaps one of the reasons for the spontaneous discourse was that there was so little discussion on the floor of the Convention itself, either in the addresses or in the reports, of the relevant and urgent matters of religion in the modern world. In view of the tremendous gathering at Miami, it stretches the imagination to remember that a short ten years ago our Convention was actually like a New England Town Meeting in which a period of "Open Discussion" followed the presentation of every major report.

It is nothing short of tragic that we find ourselves frustrated by our very bigness from speaking gently but firmly and with a single voice on current questions facing the Christian Church. Someone compares us to a giant, grown to such a size that we are too clumsy to handle delicate matters. Let us look at a period of Baptist history to see what part an open and frank discussion of all matters pertaining to religion has played in the growth and vitality that is ours, and then let us all put our heads together to find our way back, and forward.

A Baptist Congress

Suppose for the moment that each of the state Conventions would appoint some of its ablest members to a single conference to discuss, in an atmosphere of complete freedom, all the current questions confronting religion? What would happen if these delegates were urged to forget for the moment the superstructures of our denomination, and were encouraged to probe around underneath, to make candid inspection of our foundations, without any fear that the foundations would thus be weakened or found to be inadequate?

Such a Conference in fact met in America for thirty consecutive years, (1882-1912) and drew into its membership most of the eminent leaders of Baptist life. It became known as The Baptist Congress, and took as its proper subjects for discussion every major issue that confronted them in their time. The published proceedings constitute one of the most valuable series of documents that Baptists in America have produced.

Coming at the time of our greatest growth (in 1850 there were 700,000 Baptists in the States, one out of every 32 population; fifty years later the number had reached 4,181,686, or one out of every 18) and meeting in the midst of the greatest theological and social controversies, this Congress established once and for all the validity and importance of the Baptist principle of Soul Liberty.

Dr. George Cooper of Richmond declared, "Every truth that claims allegiance of our people must first be thrown into the mill of discussion. Hence it is an age peculiarly timely and favorable for Baptists,

held together as we are by nothing but the truth, owing allegiance to none but to Him Who is the Truth Himself. Baptists have nothing to fear from an open discussion of all truth."

Know The Truth

But the question arose: "Why should Baptists come together from distant parts of the land, at much expense of time, and toll, and money to discuss these urgent questions? Is it not their theory that every man should stand apart in the majesty of personal worth and duty, reading for himself, thinking for himself, deciding for himself, and following without fear and alone the light of God's truth as it shines into his separate soul?"

The answer was clear.

"For himself indeed, but not therefore by himself. There are no Christians who should cultivate more sedulously than we the habit of mutual counsel and inquiry. Our unity of faith and practice may best be preserved by a frequent and personal interchange of views.

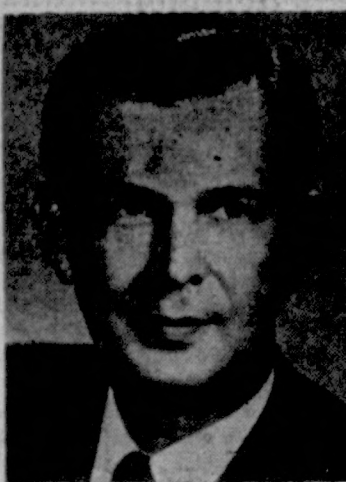
What was the purpose, then, and what did the Congress hope to accomplish? In the words of the planning committeemen, "It meets for the discussion of current questions: simply this and nothing more. It claims no authority over churches or ministers; it issues no creeds or canons; it attempts no legislation for itself, or for others; it is loyal to Baptist principles, traditions, memories, and polity; but it aims with entire singleness of purpose to set the Christian problems of the hour in the clearest possible light by means of earnest, fraternal debate,—proposing in this way to do its part in keeping our Baptist eyes open to every issue that affects Christian life in this restless age."

Singleness of Purpose

Is it possible that such a singleness of purpose could have prevailed for 30 years as this Congress met in every major city of America, as it drew into its discussions nearly every prominent Baptist, and as it undertook to discuss every conceivable topic of interest to Christians? Yet within the first six years of its life, Pastor W. W. Landrum of Richmond welcomed the delegates with these words: "but there are no parties in our Baptist Kingdom. . . Brethren of other denominations may feel it necessary to have a Northern Methodist Church and Southern Methodist Church and Presbyterians may have a Northern and Southern Church, but Baptists are one and indivisible, henceforth and forevermore."

These men were not small-minded, or disgruntled; but were men who laid the foundations on which our denomination has grown great, men like Broadus, Sampey, Gambrell, Harper, Fosdick, Poteat and Eaton.

They talked about Modern Evangelism, Foreign Missions, the Virgin Birth, Ethics in the Competitive System of Business, How Far May One Differ From Accepted Stand-



ERNEST J. LOESSNER

Ernest J. Loessner, above, will serve as instructor in Educational Administration in the proposed School of Religious Education of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, according to an announcement by Dr. Duke K. McCall, president.

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Selections From The Letters of John Wesley (10 cents paper bound) is a booklet arranged and edited by J. Manning Potts, editor of The Upper Room. It may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store. Included in this booklet are letters to his brothers Samuel and Charles, his mother, Lady Maxwell, Arthur Keene, Mrs. Woodhouse, George Shadford, members of the Society, and others. In these short excerpts one can see John Wesley the preacher, the earnest seeker after the devotional life, a sincere man of God. In them one can see something of the power and enthusiasm of the man who led the movement which has affected all protestantism, out of which grew the Methodist churches, and who historians say changed the course of English history. The booklet of forty pages is designed to give people a first-hand acquaintance with Wesley.

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The Exposition Press, Inc., New York, publishers, announce the publication of the Olive Pell Bible (\$3.00). This is the condensed version of the Bible, containing the Old and New Testaments. The author, Mrs. Herbert L. Pell has not altered one word of the original text. Rather she has shortened the Bible and eliminated long historical sections and endless "begets," retaining the beautiful inspirational passages with the more vital and spiritual messages. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or the Exposition Press, 386 Fourth Avenue, New York 16.

ards and Remain a Baptist, Relations Between Church and State, and Relations Between Baptists and Other Church Bodies. They urged the aims: "That individuals may submit their views, tentative or final, on divers subjects of current interest, without being understood in the least to compromise the Conference itself or the Denomination, and without prejudice to themselves in any direction."

It has taken us forty years to realize how much of the spirit of Freedom, and love for Truth passed on with the passing of these Saints, who conceived and carried out an experiment in the exercise of Freedom that Baptists love and cherish.

Why Not Join A Christmas Club For Christ?

By V. L. STANFIELD

Along with 11,712,000 other persons and families in the United States last year, our family had a Christmas Club saving account. We have learned that a Christmas Club intensifies and adds to the joy of Christmas because it eliminates the pain of January bills.

As we spent our Christmas money this year, we suddenly realized that we had not planned to give our biggest gifts to Christ. Because of our interest in the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and because we answered this appeal in four places, it so happened that we did give Christ our best gifts. But this was by accident, and we were ashamed. We had not carefully planned to put Christ first on our Christmas list.

Because we want Christ to receive our finest gifts next Christmas and every Christmas, we decided to have a Christmas Club saving account for Christ.

Consequently, when we opened our Christmas Club account for next Christmas, 1953, we opened a second account. As we have talked about this plan in our family group, we have wondered if the majority of Southern Baptist families could not join a Christmas Club for Christ and make Him number one on their gift list.

Most banks offer the Christmas club plan in denominations ranging from 25 cents to 10 weekly, representing a yearly saving of 12.5% to \$500. These are plans to fit anyone's saving ability.

Moreover, you can afford to join a Christmas Club. How? By not buying or by not doing some of the things you wanted to buy or do but which, on second thought, you knew were not really important. 50 cents per week would mean doing without 10 coffees or Cokes (in some places only 5). \$1 per week could mean leaving off 4 milk shakes, or 4 sundaes, or 3 banana splits, or 5 packages of cigarettes, or 1 show plus car fare. \$5 or \$10 per week could be paid by having an evening at home with the family rather than an evening out. Any Baptist family can have a Christmas Club saving account for Christ—if that family loves Him enough to put Him first at Christmas.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if every Southern Baptist family (perhaps 3,000,000 to 3,500,000 families are represented in our churches) had a Christmas Club saving account for the Lottie Moon offering (you might have some other worthy project). A \$25 book for 3,000,000 families would mean \$75,000,000. Last year the Foreign Mission Board received approximately \$7,000,000 through the convention. This would be increased over 10 times! In the weeks just ahead you will see many advertisements urging you to join a Christmas Club. When you read these advertisements, remember that we have Christmas because of Christ, remember the Lottie Moon offering, and then, by all means, join one—for Christ.

Educator Denies Public Schools Are Irreligious

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—Charges that American public schools are irreligious were denied here by a prominent educator who expressed a fear that critics of the schools were trying to change the basic non-sectarian nature of American public education.

Dr. Hollis L. Caswell, dean of Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, spoke at the fifth National Conference on Church and State, sponsored by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Dr. Caswell said those who accuse public schools of being irreligious have failed to give evidence of their charges.

There is no indication that the critics have studied the schools well enough to know the true facts, he added. And in some cases these critics have generalized about the entire American public schools system from their knowledge of one school or one school system, he declared.

The Teachers College dean said that for more than 20 years he had worked closely with state departments of education and city school systems, had observed classroom instruction and courses of study and worked on curriculum preparation.

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Church Officials Protest Evangelist's Conviction

ROME — Officials of the Church of Christ in Italy announced here they would appeal the conviction of one of the denomination's Italian evangelists by a court in northern Italy.

Cline R. Paden of Brownfield, Tex., leader of the Church's missionary work in Italy, said that the incident was "more than a miscarriage of justice."

"It is a sham and mockery of God-given rights and submits very minister to a similar fate," he said. "The trial contrasts with Pope Pius' recent appeal for religious tolerance. It is another move aimed at crippling evangelical activities in Italy."

The convicted evangelist, 31-year-old Lido Petrini, was arrested last Sept. 4 at Alessandria, near Turin, when 30 police prevented about a dozen persons from entering the house where he was to preach.

Convicted of holding a religious meeting not authorized by the police, he was given a suspended 15 day jail sentence and fined 5,000 lire (12.80), equal to 40 days of his army pay.

The Church of Christ in Italy has been in repeated difficulties with authorities since it began missionary work here after the war. Last September all 22 of its churches in Italy were ordered closed but, after American protests, allowed to re-open temporarily pending a final settlement.

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Baptisms in our Southern Baptist churches have increased 50.9 per cent during the period 1947-52, compared with a similar six-year period, 1941-46. Total baptisms from 1941-46 were 1,349,304, compared with 2,036,264 from 1947-52.

OLD SERIES

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DR. The annual Association will be held at the campus of Blount College, has been a Ward of R. An out been arranged by five personalities in Mississippi. Visiting Porter R. tive secret committee Conve promotion tion Bib Ralph L. operative day Scho Gibson, d work, Tra all of the Nashville city missi Mississippi gram inc son, supt Coast As supt. of Rev. Carl Merigold Ward; D ecutive s field wor Board, J The In operation sociation. Board ar ral Church Gilbert.

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